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UN 'CLERK' IS MASTER SPY KREMLIN'S IN NEW YORK

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THE Post today unmasks the Kremlin's new master spy in New York.

He's Viktor Andreev, who works undercover as a bureaucrat in the United Nations.

He poses as an affable office worker at the UN and collects a paycheck heavily subsidized by American taxpayers.

In reality, he's a hard-boiled KGB expert who oversees a vast Soviet spy network operating openly at the UN.

Andreev was identified to The Post by a foreign diplomat whose nation is friendly to the U.S.

His role was subsequently confirmed by a top U.S. administration official.

Andreev officially serves as the Special Deputy to UN Under-Secretary General Viacheslav Ustinov at the Department of Political Affairs of the Security Council.

But in numerous interviews with intelligence experts and diplomats, Andreev emerges as an ambitious spy bent on destroying America's world image.

And in his first weeks at the UN Secretariat last July, he pulled off a propaganda coup that has prompted a formal protest from President Reagan and left Western diplomats still simmering with rage.

The scheme was subtle but devastating.

Andreev's job includes overseeing a daily newsletter — written by KGB specialists — that is circulated by the Secretariat throughout the top levels of the UN.

The publication, called Political Information and News Service (PINS), is branded by some diplomats as "an outrageous propaganda sheet."

"It's garbage, and full of distortions against the U.S. and the West," said one diplomat.

The newsletter is meant to be an easy-to-read summary of reports from the U.S. and Western news media.

But under Andreev's guidance, the stories are revised and edited to favor the Soviet Union and make the U.S. look bad, sources said.

"It's so biased that most high-ranking people ignore it," said one West European diplomat.

"But the problem is that smaller Third

World nations that can't afford to have access to their own news sources read PINS and believe it.

"The effect is that it makes the Third World appear to support the Soviet Union as the rational force of stability for the world, while the U.S. is [seen as] a rogue, and ineffective," he said.

The Political Information and News Service carries the official stamp of the United Nations Secretariat — the chief administrative body of the UN.

The newsletter was launched in the Secretariat's key department — Political and Security Council Affairs — which has traditionally been headed and staffed by Soviets ever since Stalin agreed to join the world body when it was formed in 1945.

The irony is that American taxpayers cough up 25 cents for every dollar in the \$4 billion UN budget. Soviet citizens pay only four cents for every dollar.

The actual PINS newsletter was only started in 1982 during the height of the Falklands War between Britain and Argentina. The idea was to provide diplomats with quick digest of world opinion.

But last July Andreev,

anxious to impress his Politburo bosses back in Moscow, seized control of PINS, transforming it from an independent newsletter into a brazen Soviet propaganda tool.

President Reagan was so angered by Andreev's takeover that he lodged a formal complaint with UN Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar.

Sources in the U.S. Mission said De Cuellar is "very embarrassed" by PINS and has promised to try to alter its content.

So far he hasn't been able to.

Highly-placed western intelligence sources have told The Post that the Kremlin originally sent Andreev to New York last year because the Soviet espionage gathering network here was plagued by squabbling.

Andreev took on the job with a ruthless zeal that has even angered his fellow Soviet spies, the sources said.

One of the KGB's top officers operating undercover as a UN official, Vladimir Vertogradov, had an instant personality clash with Andreev.

Andreev's solution? He got Comrade Vertogradov booted back to Moscow for "inefficiency and

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